cadres of Central Health Service from 60 to 62 years, *vide* order dated 16.11.2006.

Patient-Doctor ratio

3301. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the patient-doctor ratio in the Government hospitals in metropolitan cities, districts and block headquarters;

(b) what is the ratio of nurses-bed in the above cities in Government hospitals; and

(c) whether it is a fact that policy of recruitment of doctors and Government staff has been applied to nurses from the subordinate staff in hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Health being a State subject, the data in regard to doctor-patient ratio in various State Government Hospitals is not maintained centrally: The doctor-patient ratio, varies from case to case depending upon various factors like the type of disease, nature of specialization, type of patient-care required *i.e.* indoor/outdoor. According to the Medical Council of India, the allopathic doctor-population ratio at present works out to 1:1722.

The patient-nurse ratio also depends on various factors like type of patient care provided and nature of specialization etc. and varies from 5:1 to 19:1.

The policy of recruitment of nurses depends upon the number of sanctioned position in a hospital and nursing qualification prescribed for the recruitment of nurses.

Clinical trials regulation measures

3302. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is turning into a hub for clinical trials for multinational companies;